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Customs duty payable on Revolvers required for the Mysore Police

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

No. 1928/398 Rev 2. Bangalore 30th November 1888

From

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore. (A)

P&C 4

To

The Chief Secretary to the Dewan of Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the information of Government letter in original from Messrs. P. Orr and Sons Madras regarding Customs duty payable on revolvers required for the use of the Mysore Police. The Collector of Sea Customs has, under the Indian Tariff act, been hitherto exempting such revolvers from payment and we have accordingly been getting them Rs. 15 cheaper than would otherwise have been the case. I need hardly emphasize on the urgent need of Police Inspectors being armed with revolvers and knowing their use. In meeting dacoits and in patrolling roads for the purpose of preventing dacoities and other high way Crime a Police officer, armed with these weapons possesses incalculable advantages over

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one who does not. These weapons are accordingly urgently needed. I have been supplying some to our Inspectors for their use getting them to pay for the the same. If Customs duty has to be paid on them the price may be prohibitive and beyond the reach of the means of such officers. I beg in these circumstances that you will be so good as to move the British Resident to intercede in this matter and obtain exemption for arms required for the use of the Mysore State Police. I may here mention that I am, in pursuance of former Correspondence, in Communication with Messrs. Dolan & Co. of London, for the Supply of a uniform pattern of Muzzle-loading rifle carbines for the Police, and these will likewise have to be exempted.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most obedient Servant

L Micketts
Inspector General
of Police

P. ORR & SONS.
MADRAS.

23rd November 1888.

Pol. No. 176

The Inspector General of Police
in Mysore
Mysore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 6th September 1888 and our reply thereto of the 11th idem, we have the honor to report that the consignment of Revolvers referred to has arrived and that we are in position now to meet your demand.

We enclose, herewith, for your information, a printed circular relative to the recent ruling by Government, on arms exported into Native States and will be glad to learn what steps you propose adopting in the matter.

We might add, that we have large demands for these Revolvers and in consequence we would feel obliged by

by your "sending us your decision
at an early date.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Yours faithfully

NEW REGULATIONS *re* FIRE ARMS.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Extract of Letter, dated 9th October 1888, issued by the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

"have the honor to inform you that under the orders of Government of India, No. 4,10
" dated 26th July 1888, embodied in G. O., No. 594, Revenue, dated 23rd August 188
" and communicated with Board's Proceedings, No. 458, dated 13th ultimo, just received.
" refund of the differential duty, under the proviso to Schedule 2 of the Tariff Act XI of 188
" will, in future, be granted only in the case of Arms purchased by persons lawfully entitl
" to possess them in reasonable quantities for their own private use,—not for Milita
" purposes—this ruling applying only to possession in British India, by persons residing
" British India.

" As regards Arms purchased by persons residing in Native States, as well as in States beyond the
" Indian Frontier, no refunds of duty will be granted in future, except in very special case
" where the Political Authority of the State concerned considers it expedient to allow a refun
" on Arms—other than for Military purposes—for the private use of the chief or any notabl
" of the State, and grants a certificate to that effect."

With reference to the above order, it may be necessary to inform our Constituents that when Arms are imported into India, licensed dealers are compelled to pay a Customs Duty of Rs.50 on every Gun or Rifle, Rs.15 on Revolvers, and other amounts on sundry requisites for sporting purposes, such as Closers, Recappers, &c. Upon the sale of these, and the presentation of a certificate signed by purchaser, it has hitherto been the rule for the Collector of Customs to refund the difference between 10 per cent. *ad valorem* and the amount paid on Importation. This course of procedure has now been modified; so that persons (even though they be Military or Civil Officers, as well as private individuals) residing in Native States, and requiring a Sporting Gun or Rifle, must now either pay the full duty, (which will increase the prices in our Catalogue by that amount), or must obtain a document from the Political Authority in their State recommending that the excess duty be refunded.

With a view of facilitating despatch, we suggest that should an intending purchaser consider himself entitled to such special exemption, it would be advisable to apply to the Political Authority—Resident or other Agent—for a certificate to that effect, sending same to us with order.

For the purposes of this Act, Bangalore, Secunderadad, and such like places are considered to be in Native States.

We regret the necessity for making the foregoing announcement. It will doubtless cause annoyance to many of our Constituents, especially to Officers of the Civil and Military Services.

P. ORR & SONS

MADRAS, 26*th October* 1888.